

## SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

And Jesus said, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

-Matthew 8:20

### **MEALTIME PRAYER**

Give us grateful hearts, O God, for all your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Something to consider as you read: **What do we learn about being a disciple in these verses?**

Monday	Matthew 8:5-13
Tuesday	Matthew 8:14-17
Wednesday	Matthew 8:18-22
Thursday	Matthew 8:23-27
Friday	Matthew 8:28-34
Saturday	Matthew 9:1-8
Sunday	Read/Reflect/Rest

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly bible. Sometimes children's bibles won't contain the assigned story for that day. That's okay! Choose something else and read it to your children!*

### **FAITH @ HOME ACTIVITIES**

This activity suggestion has more to do with Matthew 7 from last week, but the lesson can stand for any chapter in Matthew. In Matthew 7 Jesus talks about building a house on rock and building a house on sand. He's talking about building a strong foundation.

Get some index cards or playing cards and see who can build the biggest card tower in 2 minutes. Then crumple a towel and put it on a table and see who can build a card tower. Then talk with each other about why it's important to have a strong foundation to have a sturdy house.

## **DEVOTIONS**

*Devotions are an extension and continuation of our worship life together. The following is a basic pattern for a family or individual devotion time.*

### **GATHERING**

*Light a candle to help you focus this time as sacred.*

### **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

*Read the prayer in the phrases provided.  
Pause after each phrase and let your child(ren) repeat the phrase.  
Through this practice, you're teaching them to pray.*

Jesus,/ be present with us/ and make yourself/ known to us./ Amen.

### **PROCLAIMING**

*Read aloud the assigned Daily Bible Reading from the front.*

### **RESPONDING**

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

**Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that went well today. Name one thing that did not go well today.

**Thinking About Today's Story:** What does this story say about God? What does this story ask me to do? What does this story say to my Highs & Lows?

**Getting Ready for Tomorrow:** Name one thing you are concerned about and for which you want prayer. Name one thing that excites you. Pray for one another!

### **SENDING**

*Extinguish the candle as a sign of the end of the devotion time.*

### **A BLESSING TO SHARE**

Jesus is in you.  
Jesus is in me.  
Jesus is in us.  
Amen!